

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1176
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2001
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unemployed skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers in the North-Eastern States West Bengal, Bihar, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, separately;
- (b) the steps being taken to provide them jobs;
- (c) whether any of these States has objected to the grant of work-permit to Bangladeshis; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

a) Number of job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges as on 31.12.1998 and the number of educated among them in North-Eastern states, West Bengal, Bihar, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi are given in the annexure. Distribution of these job-seekers in skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers are not maintained.

b) The planning for employment generation is a part of the five-year Plans. The Approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to productive employment which will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterized by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Government is also implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the rural areas, are Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is in operation since 1.12.97, which also seeks to provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as a central Plan Scheme to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youths in both rural and urban areas.

c) & d) As per the Revised Visa Agreement signed between India and Bangladesh in May 2001 the nationals of one country issued work permits by the designated authorities of the other may be issued with multiple entry visas on a year to year basis. Further, none of the State Governments have objected to the grant of work permits to Bangladeshis.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1176 RECORDED BY ON 30.7.2001.

States As on December 1998 (in thousand)

	Educated L.R.	Total L.R.
Bihar	2482.8	3310.0
Maharashtra	3044.2	4103.1
Delhi	869.0	1128.2
Uttar Pradesh	2007.9	2638.5
West Bengal	3350.0	5724.7

North-Eastern States

Arunachal Pradesh	3.1	13.7
Assam	932.5	1489.3

Manipur	218.6	334.7
Meghalaya	18.9	33.4
Mizoram	34.3	74.2
Nagaland	19.2	27.7
Tripura	109.5	246.3
Sikkim	No employment exchange is functioning in this state.	